

WHANGAREI Physiotherapy Services

445 Kamo Road, Kamo, Whangarei
Telephone 09 435 2299
Facsimile 09 435 2222
Kensington Gym Clinic
Telephone 09 459 5000

Matarau Electrical Services

RD1, Kamo, Whangarei
Phone 09 433 5533

Andrew Coop
Registered Electrician
021 733 883

All Domestic, farm & commercial maintenance
New house wiring . Light industrial . alterations

Top service anywhere in town

Xtreme Shampoo Shop & Salon

The Strand Arcade
Cameron St Mall
Whangarei
Ph 438 1933

where Good Hair Days begin

OMAK MEATS

The King of Meats
Your Meat Specialist

29 Kamo Road, Kamo A/h 435 3002
Phone 09 4351403 A/h fax 4353012
4351780 Mobile 027 5435140

ALASTAIR RICKEY DECORATING LTD

Bring your home **to life...**

450 Matarau Road
R.D.1 Kamo 0121
Whangarei
Ph/Fax: 09 435 5509
Cell: 021 766 439
email:rickey9@xtra.co.nz

Interior &
Exterior
Painting &
Decorating



Independent - Trade Qualified
Trent Sissons
P 433 5156 M 021 743 163
www.heatpumppro.co.nz

new zealand HOME LOANS
FINANCIAL FREEDOM for lifestyle choice

Mark Adams
NEW ZEALAND HOME LOAN WHANGAREI LTD
26 Commerce Street, Whangarei
Tel: 430 3527; Fax 430 3529
Email: marka@nzhomeloans.co.nz
Web: www.nzhomeloans.co.nz

Newsletter Number 01 8 February 2013



Website www.matarau.school.nz

Phone / Fax (09) 433 5823 **Email** – admin@matarau.school.nz

Welcome to the 2013 school year. A special welcome to our new families.

Newsletters (Keeping Informed)

Newsletters are issued to the eldest child in each family every Friday. Please ensure your child hands the newsletter to you when they arrive home. If your child is absent, newsletters will be held until their next day of attendance. Copies of our newsletter are also available via our website. **If you would like to receive your newsletter by email please give Donna a call and we will arrange this.**

Early Thanks

...to staff who put in extra hours over the holidays to prepare for the new school year (many staff have been fully on deck now for three weeks) .
...to those parents & grandparents who made our 2012 prize giving so special and to all of those children who were called to the stage.
...to parents who acted early to ensure children were well prepared to start the school year. Nearly all children have their full stationery quota.

People of the week

.. Those children who continued to read throughout the holiday period .. and especially to those who visited the Public Library as part of their summer reading programme.
.. Those children who have made particular efforts to make our new students feel welcome.
.. Our international students who have adjusted so quickly to our routines and those families hosting these students in their homes.
Please keep us informed of the achievements of present and past pupils so that we can celebrate these together.

Congratulations

.. Ayla Da Silva who recently won a best rider ribbon at pony club.
.. Kate Wofffindin for achieving her black belt in karate .. well done Kate

Term Dates for 2013

Term 1 - 4.2.13 to 19.4.13

Term 2 - 6.5.13 to 12.7.13

Term 3 - 29.7.13 to 27.9.13

Term 4 - 14.10.13 to (likely) 18.12.13

Mobile Ear Clinic

.. will be outside the Bush Road Medical Centre 8:30-3:30 Wednesday 27 February. No appointments necessary. Pre-schoolers welcome.

Sunhats

A reminder that school broad brimmed sunhats are compulsory in terms 1 and 4. Please ensure these are packed at the beginning of each school day. Clothing which covers the shoulders is also advisable with sun block at your discretion.

Term Events

Please pencil the following dates into your calendar. We will advise of further dates as these come to hand.

12 Feb	Feb meeting of the Board of Trustees
13 Feb	School Triathlon
18 Feb	Likely start date for after school labs
22 Feb	Learner Journey sheets home for parent input
25 Feb	Swimming heats (preparatory to school and zone events)
25/26 Feb	Parent/teacher/student conferences
27 Feb	Tennis Doubles Tournament (pp 29.2)
4 March	Zone Swimming Sports at Kokopu School
6 March	School Swimming Sports
11 March	Year 7 and 8 camp to Auckland
12 March	Interschool Swimming Sports
26 March	Year 4 to 6 Summer Sports Tournament
29 March	Good Friday
1/2 April	Easter Monday and Tuesday
19 April	Final day term 1

For new parents, staffing for 2013 is as follows...

Room 12	Mr Delemare	Year 7 & 8	Deputy Principal Senior Teacher - Senior School (Rooms 11-12)
Room 11	Mrs Donaldson	Year 7 & 8	
Room 10	Mrs Greenfield	Year 6	
Room 9	Mr Schuster	Year 5	Senior Teacher - Middle school (Rooms 7-10)
Room 8	Miss Williams	Year 4	
Room 7	Mrs Milicich	Year 3	
Room 6	Miss Bevin	Year 2	
Room 5	Mrs Abbott / Mrs Sloper	Year 2	
Room 4	Mrs Walker	Year 1	
Room 3	Mrs Marvin	Year 1	
Room 2	Mrs Robertson	Year 1	Assistant Principal Senior Teacher - Junior school (Rooms 2-6)

Mrs Comrie ESOL / Special Needs

Support staff are as follows:

Mrs Dorahy	Office Administration
Mrs Crawford	Teacher Aide / PMP
Mrs Neumann	Teacher Aide / Oral language programme
Mrs Nisha	Teacher Aide
Mrs Wynyard	Teacher Aide / PMP
Mrs Sinclair	Teacher Aide / Accounts / PMP
Mrs Sullivan	IT Support
Mrs Cates	Library/ Principal PA / ESOL
Mr Palmer	Grounds / Caretaker

Mr Delemare

Parents are advised that Mr Delemare will be absent from school from 12 February (and for several weeks thereafter) for medical reasons. Parents of children in the senior school can rest assured that measures have been taken to ensure that programmes will be minimally disrupted by his absence and that Mr Delemare will be "involved from a distance".

Daily Absences

Parents are reminded -

1. to advise the office by 9:00am if their child will be absent from school that day.
2. to follow up with a signed note specifying reason for non-attendance (Necessary in the event that our rolls are audited by the Ministry of Ed).

By 9:30am each day an audit is undertaken of all attendance registers. Unaccounted absences are advised to the office, which then has the responsibility for investigating those absences. **This can be a time consuming process and so parents are asked to help by keeping us fully informed.** Children who arrive at school after 9:00am bell are asked to report to the office on arrival please.

School Contributions / Trips and Events Fee

The Board is grateful for payment of school contributions and is committed to using these in ways which add value to your children's learning - in this regard it is a little unique as a donation, as we want you to get something concrete in return. Your contributions help to lower teacher / pupil ratios, enable us to employ additional teacher aides, expand special needs hours, subsidise buses & visiting drama groups & so forth. Contributions may be paid in one instalment at year's commencement (\$90 per child) or \$25 per term. The trips and events fee is a more efficient and convenient alternative to the usual collection of smaller amounts throughout the year. While this can also be paid quarterly, we do prefer full payment at the beginning of the year if this is possible.

If feeling financially stretched at the moment parents are welcome to contact Kevin to discuss alternative payment arrangements. You will find us accommodating and discreet.

Stationery

If your child does not have their stationery please organise this as soon as possible. You are welcome to source your stationery off site but take care to note the quality of items you purchase, also the price difference is sometimes minimal. Stationery can be purchased throughout the year from the school office.

School Garden

If able to help out with the school garden this year (maybe an afternoon a week - or fortnight) please give Kevin a call.

PMP -

PMP will start for Rooms 3-6 on Week 3. Sessions will be Tuesday and Wednesday from 1.30-3.0. If you are able to help at these sessions please contact Rachael Robertson.

Scholastic Book Order

Issue 1 All orders and payments due at the office by next Friday 15 February.

Triadic Conferences (parent / teacher / student interviews)

The above are scheduled for 25 and 26 February - information on how to book will be sent home soon. Parents are encouraged to attend these interviews with their child or to make an alternative appointment if these days do not suit. Conferences are an opportunity to talk about your child specifically, to see how they have settled, to note any concerns, and to set some targets. This is a chance for you and your child (optional for year 1 children) to be heard and to hear some first impressions of how their year is unfolding.

Punctuality

In order to aid in the smooth operation of classes (and in order to teach an important life skill) we request that children are at school at least 10-15 minutes before the morning bell to give them time to settle, connect with their teacher, and prepare for the day ahead. If running unavoidably late please give the school office a call. Many thanks.

Pool Keys

The pool will be available for public use. Hire keys are available from the school office at \$25 per family for the 2012 swimming season. Those who held their key last year in anticipation of using again this year will receive an invoice next week. Please send the money in asap. Many thanks.

Bus Times

Buses times and routes are as at the end of last year. Please assist us by monitoring the behaviour/safety of children waiting at bus pick up points and advising us early of any areas of concern.

Parents are also reminded that motor vehicles are required to reduce their speed to 20km per hour when passing a stationary bus.

(Children who catch the bus at the hall travel on the second (Worsnop Rd) bus in the morning, travel home on the 3:05pm bus at the end of the day.)

Children travelling by bus from Kamo will be picked up at the SPCA secondhand shop at 7:45 in the morning, and dropped at the Cleaning Oasis at the end of the day by 4:30 PM. Plenty of room on this bus and so well and truly open to new users. Fee of \$2 per trip to be given to the bus driver.

PLEASE NOTE THAT BUS DROP OFF TIMES ARE HIGHLY DEPENDENT ON LOADINGS- PARTICULARLY WHEN THERE IS A MAJOR EVENT AT SCHOOL. ON SPORTS DAYS / CAMP WEEKS ETC. PARENTS SHOULD EXPECT TIMES TO VARY QUITE WIDELY.

Early Buses - early notice that buses will run 30 minutes early on 25 and 26 Feb because of parent interviews. Parents who transport their children by car are asked to pick them up at 2.30 PM please on these days.

Pick up of Children

1. Where possible parents are asked to pick their children up from the bottom bus bay or upper carpark (in the former case children are asked to wait by Room 12, heading down when they sight your car). This is a dangerous stretch of road and we request that all parents assist us to minimise risks.
2. If you have made arrangements for somebody else to pick your child up from school, the office must be advised beforehand. Any visitors to the school should report to the office first.
3. Parents of non-bus children are asked to pick their children up by 3:15PM (or later by arrangement with the School Office).

End of Day Buses

If your child will not be on their customary bus at the end of the day please -

- ♦ Either 1. Advise the office before 2:45pm (in which case a note is put on the bus clip)
- ♦ Or 2. Drop by the office to let us know

This saves time searching for children and enables us to get buses underway on time.

If you wish your child to travel on an alternative bus (i.e. not their regular bus) the prior consent of the office must be obtained. Consent will depend on bus loadings.

Term Headlice Inspection

We are keen to have a school wide headlice inspection as soon as possible to avoid the stress which accompanies any outbreak. We are keen for offers of help and so .. if you are able to help with inspections please phone Donna Cates here at school next week. - Without offers of help we will not be able to continue this service.

Request from our Librarian

Please check bookshelves, behind dressers, under beds etc. and return any books to school as soon as possible.

Swimming Trials

If able to assist with the timing of swimmers on 25 February please give Kevin a call. These trials help ensure correct selection of swimmers for zone & interschool events & assist us to place children in heats for our school swimming sports. We would love your help with this.

Parents of year 3 children who would like their children to participate in the competitive races at our school swimming sports (as opposed to the usual junior water confidence activities) are asked to advise their child's teacher early next week - we will then include these children in the time trials.

Parent Helpers

We well know the difference that can be made through the involvement of parent helpers. If you can commit some regular time to a classroom (or some other area of the school) please return the attached parent helpers form by 14 February (or later by arrangement). Please give me a call if you wish to further discuss your potential involvement.

Medical Forms/Address/Contact Details

On enrolment parents provide important details on contacts / custody issues / medical conditions / medications etc. Please continue throughout the year to keep us informed so that we can properly discharge our duty of care to your child(ren).

Some medications should be held at, and administered from, the school office. Please contact us if unsure.

Where we currently hold medication for your child please call by the office within the next 2 weeks to check expiry dates and arrange replacement where necessary.

Swimming

Children are required to have their swimming gear at school each day. Thank you.

Creating optimal conditions for learning (just a reminder)

An increasing body of educational research is suggesting that some of the biggest improvements in learning can result from simple things like ..

.. **drinking plenty of water.**

Parents are asked to ensure children bring a water bottle to school each day. A reminder that water is preferable to sugar based drinks. We will encourage them to have their water bottle on their desks at all times during the day (a good idea when you consider the brain is 90% water).

... **a good nights sleep.** A target bedtime of 8:00 PM is suggested for all children.

.. **a suitable breakfast and healthy lunch.** With food as close as possible to its natural form.

.. don't forget to **show an interest** in what your child is doing at school. Share mealtimes with them if possible and don't let them overdo the homework - we all need time to play.

Guitar Lessons

There are a number of vacancies in this popular after school programme (Wednesday & Thursday in the Old School Room - by the upper car park). Cost \$20 per lesson. Vangie has a spare guitar for kids trying out. If interested please phone Vangie on 434 7573 or 021 1883251, or email killalea@ihug.co.nz

Monday and Friday Lunches

.. starts next week. Parents will receive an order form attached for completion and return to school. Weekly orders must be in no later than Wednesday of the week in question. Please give Helen a call if you can spend 10 minutes in the morning and/or 15 minutes around mid-day to help with heating and distribution of items. Thank you.

Mondays - \$3.00 : Baked Beans or Spaghetti served with toast & a juice, or Chicken or Beef Cup of Noodles & a juice. Order at the office by morning tea on Monday.

Wednesdays - \$1.50 : for Sausage in a bread with sauce. Order on Wednesday mornings through the class teacher.

Fridays - \$4.00 : Hot Mince or Mince 'n' Cheese Pie, Jumbo Sausage Roll or Sausage Roll (with Museli Bar), Butter Chicken or Mince n Cheese Wraps and a Fruit Drink. You can swap the Fruit drink for a Flavoured Milk for \$4.50. Order by Wednesday at the office, to receive Friday. Term orders available, see attached form.

Communications

Over the course of the year you may have questions or perhaps even concerns. It is impossible for us to please everyone all of the time, but we have a strong desire to be fair and will accommodate you where we can. In the first instance matters should be addressed to your child's teacher, but I am always available down the track or for issues of a general nature. We find that trust, communication and a positive attitude ensures problems seldom develop. We know we will make mistakes from time to time and so please be patient and understanding when this happens.

Come in early with any problems .. although remember that a problem of monumental proportions in the mind of a child one week may have entirely disappeared from their radar screen the following week. Equally, parental concerns can sometimes disappear (or change) with a second or third or fourth piece of relevant information.

Homework

.. information to follow within next week or two.

2nd Hand/Outgrown Clothing

If any parents of Year 3 and under have any secondhand or outgrown boy's shorts that they would be happy to donate to the Junior School it would be most appreciated. Please drop into the office or see Mrs Marvin in Room 3.

FOUND remote controlled helicopter. Flew into the bush area near Matarau Road back in January. Phone Mary Finlayson 437 0441 / 0274 525 398

If interested ..

.. in yoga classes in our school hall for as little as \$5.00 a lesson on a Wednesday after school please give Susan Pryor a call on 094339578 or 0212084167 (this is a much reduced rate and Susan is well qualified for this role). There is some interest already but numbers need to lift somewhat for this to be viable. Susan is more than happy to answer any questions.

Questions

We hope the newsletter keeps you informed of major issues throughout the year. Nevertheless you will have questions from time to time. Please feel free to phone the office at any time or to approach staff. We are more than happy to answer any questions and so ask...ask...ask. Remember the newsletter can be accessed same day on our school website.

Finally

Thanks for entrusting us with your children's education for another year. Plenty to get excited about this year... including a special focus on number knowledge and maths basic facts, further initiatives to promote reading mileage, measures to lift the engagement of gifted (and other) children, an expansion in the after school support programmes and much more. More to follow as the weeks unfold. Welcome on board. Great to be back.

Regards

Kevin Trehwella
PRINCIPAL

Our Sponsors support your
children, please support them

WHANGAREI **Physiotherapy Services**

445 Kamo Road, Kamo, Whangarei
Telephone 09 435 2299
Facsimile 09 435 2222
Kensington Gym Clinic
Telephone 09 459 5000

Community Notices

Kamo Swimming Club – Stroke Improvement lessons start again this afternoon..4.30pm Friday 8th February. And thereafter Monday & Friday afternoons til end of March. Some vacancies still available this season. Great fitness for the more able swimmers, plus stroke correction.

Tauraroa Area School Inter-School Motorcycle Competition – Sun 24 March, McCarroll's Property, 69a Cassidy Road, Paparoa, Cost \$20 per rider (incl sausage and drink for lunch). 4 riders per team. Jnrs up to 8yrs, Snrs yr 9 to 13, Mixed 1 adult, 2 yr 9-13 & 1 up to yr 8. registration forms or more info contact Brenda Sinclair at the School Office.

KAMO SOCCER RALLY DAY

To be held on **Sunday 10th February 9-12pm**, and then **Sunday 17th February 9-11am** at the Kamo Soccer Clubrooms. All school children are welcome to come along and enrol, both returning players and new. . Any queries can be directed to Jeremy Hay on 4354196.

Holee Cow Drama Classes - Tuesdays @ the Old Library, Rust Ave, Whangarei 4pm 7-9yrs 5pm 10-12yrs 6pm 13yrs up. Focus will be on voice and movement, with fun and improvisation as key elements to the classes! Contact lizsugrue@hotmail.com and go to www.holeecow.co.nz for more info!

Babysitting/Casual work wanted

Ex Matarau student, experienced youth leader, newly returned from gap year looking for casual babysitting or other work. Responsible, organized, rates to suit. Have full driver's licence so can pick up from Matarau school if required. Please contact Kiri on 02108110255 or 4350230

FRIDAY SCHOOL LUNCHES

HAVE A DAY OFF MAKING LUNCHES AND SUPPORT THE SCHOOL!

- ☺ Below is an order form for **Friday** lunches.
- ☺ These can be ordered for the term in advance, or weekly if desired.
- ☺ Please have weekly orders placed at the school office by the Wednesday to receive an order the following Friday.
- ☺ Please make cheques payable to Matarau School.

Thanks for supporting our fundraiser.

WEEKLY ORDER FORM – Term 1 2013

Child _____

___ Sausage Roll/Muesli Bar/Drink \$4.00
___ Big Daddy Sausage Roll/Drink \$4.00
___ Milk Drink - extra 50c

Room _____

___ Mince Pie or Mince N Cheese/Drink \$4.00
___ Mince N Cheese or Butter Chicken Wrap/Drink \$4.00

Child _____

___ Sausage Roll/Muesli Bar/Drink \$4.00
___ Big Daddy Sausage Roll/Drink \$4.00
___ Milk Drink - extra 50c

Room _____

___ Mince Pie or Mince N Cheese/Drink \$4.00
___ Mince N Cheese or Butter Chicken Wrap/Drink \$4.00

Child _____

___ Sausage Roll/Muesli Bar/Drink \$4.00
___ Big Daddy Sausage Roll/Drink \$4.00
___ Milk Drink - extra 50c

Room _____

___ Mince Pie or Mince N Cheese/Drink \$4.00
___ Mince N Cheese or Butter Chicken Wrap/Drink \$4.00

Child _____

___ Sausage Roll/Muesli Bar/Drink \$4.00
___ Big Daddy Sausage Roll/Drink \$4.00
___ Milk Drink - extra 50c

Room _____

___ Mince Pie or Mince N Cheese/Drink \$4.00
___ Mince N Cheese or Butter Chicken Wrap/Drink \$4.00

Child _____

___ Sausage Roll/Muesli Bar/Drink \$4.00
___ Big Daddy Sausage Roll/Drink \$4.00
___ Milk Drink - extra 50c

Room _____

___ Mince Pie or Mince N Cheese/Drink \$4.00
___ Mince N Cheese or Butter Chicken Wrap/Drink \$4.00

TERM ORDER - Total Amount Owing For Term 4 - 8 Wks Maximum Available

Items @ \$4.00 x _____ weeks =

Items @ \$4.50 x _____ weeks =

In the case of a child's absence from school and instructions to the contrary, we are unable to refund or provide a lunch on a subsequent week.

VOLUNTARY PARENT HELPERS 2013

Dear Parents

As advised in the main newsletter, we are keen to involve willing parents in the general life of the school. We all know the difference that a team of dedicated parents can make to the efficiency of the school and the learning of children. If you can possibly spare some time (even an hour or two a week) please do so.

In order to get things up and running as soon as possible please complete the form below and return it to school by 14 February (or later by request). Flexibility is appreciated but we will also make efforts to accommodate your particular skills and interests. No special knowledge or skill is expected simply a willingness to get involved. **WE ARE ESPECIALLY KEEN TO ADD PARENTS TO OUR REGULAR PMP TEAM.**

I will confirm your role / days / times etc. within the next week or two and hope to get you started by week 3. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions. Any commitment of time is very much appreciated.

NAME _____ PHONE _____

A) I would like to help at school on the following day(s) / time(s) Please tick

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00-10:30					
11:00-12:30					
1:30-3:00					

I would like to help in the following room(s) Please tick

		Rm 2		Rm 3		Rm 4		Rm 5		Rm 6	
Rm 7		Rm 8		Rm 9		Rm 10		Rm 11		Rm 12	
		Office		School Lunches		Calf Club Comm.		Book club orders		Library	
P.M.P.		Making resources at home		Swimming club		Netball		Canteen -		Lunchtime sport	

I also have the following skills / interests I would be keen to share if the need arises ..
